

HOUSE BILL 1635
By McMillan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
68-11-201, relative to outpatient diagnostic
centers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201, is amended by deleting
subdivision (31) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(31) "Outpatient diagnostic center" means any facility providing outpatient
diagnostic services, unless the outpatient diagnostic services are provided as the
services of another licensed healthcare institution that reports such outpatient
diagnostic services on its joint annual report, or the facility is otherwise excluded
from this definition. As used in this subdivision, "outpatient diagnostic services"
means the following services provided to any person who is not an inpatient of a
hospital: computerized tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, positron
emission tomography, or other technology determined by the board as providing
diagnostic capabilities similar to or superior to computerized tomography,
magnetic resonance imaging, or positron emission tomography. "Outpatient
diagnostic center" does not include a private physician or dental practice, if
outpatient diagnostic services are provided exclusively to patients of the private
physician or dental practice and if no patients from other private physician or
dental practices or healthcare facilities are referred for outpatient diagnostic
services.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall require an outpatient diagnostic center in existence
prior to the effective date of this act to obtain a certificate of need. Outpatient diagnostic centers

in existence prior to the effective date of this act will be required to obtain licensure by the department of health and comply with relevant reporting requirements.

SECTION 3. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. This act shall be take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.